

As a licensed Amateur Radio Operator, I am against the proposal to allow NON Amateur licensed, NON US citizens or any others to use any unlicensed radio equipment on the 446 mghz band.

Allowing unlicensed use only opens the door for more abuse of the frequencies allotted for licensed use.

Examples of this are the allowing of unlicensed radio equipment on the Class D section of Citizen's band radio, which eventually turned the band into a chaotic, nearly unusable band.

Also, unscrupulous retailers sell Ten meter equipment, primarily in Truck stop stores and so called "CB" shops telling the buyers that they can use them at will. There is a tremendous abuse of the Ten Meter Amateur band because of this and it all started with users of Class D equipment wanting more and buying the equipment thinking it is ok since there is no license required for Class D and they could buy the (ten meter) equipment, so they must be able to use it.

These same "CB" shops alter radio transcievers to operate in several illegal bands, creating the "free banders" that operate illegal and over powered radios outside of legal frequencies.

Another example is the current allowing of unlicensed radios on the Class A GMRS Citizens band. The current influx of users into the licensed part of the band is now expanding by unscrupulous retailers selling GMRS radios to FRS users saying they have more power and more range and are compatible with FRS and never mentioning the need for the license. The unlicensed users are causing much interference with licensed use of the frequencies.

Such would be the case, in my opinion, if unlicensed use were allowed on any amateur band(s). Unscrupulous operators would be quick to

exploit any opening of the Amateur frequencie(s) just to make a quick buck.

I implore you NOT to make any exception to the rules for anyone, especially not for any NON US citizen.

Thank You,

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